

Appl. No. 09/741,616
Amdt. dated May 23, 2006
Reply to Office action of Apr. 21, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

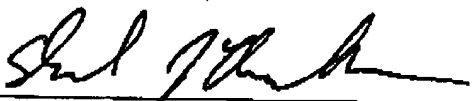
Claims 1-10, 12-29 and 31-42 remain in the application. Claims 11 and 30 are hereby canceled. Claims 39-42 are hereby added. The new claims and claim amendments are supported in the drawings and original specification. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added. A credit card authorization form is enclosed to pay the fees for the newly added claims (42 total claims - 38 previously paid for claims - 2 canceled claims = 2 net change in claims). In view of the following remarks and amendments, applicants respectfully request a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The examiner rejected claims 1-10, 12-29 and 31-38, and objected to claims 11 and 30 in the final Office Action mailed April 21, 2006. More specifically, claims 11 and 30 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 20, 31 and 28 to include the limitations of claims 11 or 30. As a result, claims 1-10, 12-29 and 31-42 are allowable.

For the reasons set forth above, applicants respectfully request reconsideration by the Examiner and withdrawal of the rejections. Applicants submit that claims 1-10, 12-29 and 31-42, as amended, are fully patentable. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner has any questions or comments, or if further clarification is required, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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